Course Offerings on Gender in Summer 2014

Many exciting classes about global gender issues will be offered this summer. Click here to see undergraduate and graduate listings.

Global Gender Forum Events

Stopping Violence Against Women: Women’s Rights as Human Rights

When: April 17 | 11am-12pm  
Who: Global Gender Program  
Where: Elliott School of International Affairs Lindner Family Commons, Room 602  
1957 E St NW Washington, DC 20052  
RSVP here

Alison Brysk, Fellow, Global Women’s Leadership Initiative, Wilson Center and Mellichamp Chair in Global Governance, Professor, University of California Santa Barbara

Violence against women kills and maims more people than any war, and is estimated to affect one out of three women worldwide—yet it has only recently been recognized as a human rights problem. What can the framework adopted since the 1993 Vienna Conference, “women’s rights are human rights,” teach us about how to mobilize to stop violence against women? A generation of research on the politics of human rights campaigns...
suggest the importance of transnational action, framing, information politics, and the specific challenges of “private wrongs” committed by non-state actors. This talk will survey a global panorama of campaigns, with a focus on sexual violence in India.

**Girls’ Education and School-related Gender-based Violence**

*Rescheduled Panel Discussion to celebrate International Women’s Day*

*When: April 23, 2014 | 5:00-7:00 pm*

Light reception to begin at 4:30 pm and continue after panel

*Who: FHI 360 and the Global Gender Program*

*Where: Room 602, Lindner Family Commons*

1957 E Street NW

Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Washington, DC 20052

Between 500 million and 1.5 billion children experience violence every year, many within and around the school community. School-related gender based violence (SRGBV) is a global phenomenon that is a barrier to girls’ and boys’ educational achievements, is correlated with lower academic achievement, higher economic insecurity, and greater long-term health risks. SRGBV is related to other forms of violence in the community, particularly for girls, and reinforces harmful gender norms.

What is the development community doing to address SRGBV and its impact on girls’ education worldwide? This interactive panel discussion will examine the connections between SRGBV and girls’ access to, retention in, and completion of school. Panelists will explore challenges to preventing SRGBV, approaches for changing norms, opportunities for empowering girls, and will offer solutions for fostering safe learning environments to improve educational outcomes for girls and boys alike.

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Barbara Miller**, Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs; Director, Institute for Global and International Studies; Director, Global Gender Program, George Washington University

The author of this paper, Greyson Conant Brooks, holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Colby College and an M.A. in Anthropology with a concentration in International Development from the George Washington University. He wishes to acknowledge and thank the following for financial, logistical, analytical, and personal support: the activists and advocates at SMUG, The Lewis N. Cotlow Fund at GW, Stephen Lubkemann, Barbara Miller, Attiya Ahmad, Ujala Dhaka-Kintgen, Erica Wortham, Melissa Minor Peters, Tina Levine, Steven Barry, Leslee Brooks, Stanley Brooks, and Michael Barry.

This paper reports on field research in 2012 about the perceptions of identity and development that frame the performative practice of members of Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), an indigenous LGBTI rights advocacy NGO and the major voice of resistance to current anti-homosexual legislation in Uganda’s parliament. Within the context of NGO institutionality, I examine how SMUG appropriates and defines ‘gay identity’ in relation to anti-gay sociopolitical sentiment to effect development as a tool for achieving sociopolitical change. I conclude that SMUG’s modern, savvy employees publicly ally themselves and their organization with an identity of ‘gayness’ perceived to be universal and inalienable,
PANEL

Andrea M. Bertone, Director, Gender Department, FHI 360 & Adjunct Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University (MODERATOR)

Julie Hanson Swanson, Acting Chief, Education Division, Bureau for Africa, USAID

Eugene Katzin, Senior Technical Officer, Gender Department, FHI 360

Andrea Powell, Founder and Executive Director, FAIR Girls & Adjunct Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

Rebecca Gordon, Senior Program Advisor at Together for Girls

Maryce Ramsey, Senior Gender Advisor, Gender Department, FHI 360 (DISCUSSANT)

Events

Varying the Variations: An Expanded Spectrum of Conflict-time Violence Against Women and the Problem of Law's Response

When: April 8 | 12:30-2pm
Who: Global Women's Institute
Where: 714 21st Street, NW
1st Floor Conference Room
Washington, District Of Columbia 20052

As the April Installment of the GWI Faculty Research Luncheon Series, Aisling Swaine will discuss her paper: "Varying the Variations: An Expanded Spectrum of Conflict-time Violence Against Women and the Problem of Law's Response". This study gets to the heart of examining what counts as conflict-related gender violence under international law and queries whether the polarity of the public-private serves to make invisible forms of violence that do not fit into either strictly private or the strictly public/political categories. Light lunch will be served during this event. Please RSVP to gwomen@gwu.edu.

Human Rights and U.S. Policy in the Global Gender Equality Movement

When: April 10 | 10:30am – 12:00pm
Who: Freedom House
Where: 1301 Connecticut Ave NW
4th Floor
Washington, DC 20036

which allows SMUG to organize its practice through the language of development and human rights on an international scale and accrue social capital to exchange with transnational partners for political and economic aegis. The performance of a global gay identity provides SMUG the standing to (inter)act politically on international and local scales. However, in demarcating themselves as ‘gay,’ SMUG’s membership assumes sociopolitical minority status within Uganda, limiting their ability to affect sociopolitical change on national and local scales. While more field research is necessary, this introductory analysis concludes SMUG may achieve greater success in Uganda by highlighting, rather than eschewing, local constructs of minority sexualities. Read more here.

RT @ICRW A new era for #women in #Afghanistan? Women far more vocal during this campaign than previous elections http://ow.ly/vqRiZ via @nprnews
In the past five years, the United States has made noteworthy strides in supporting gender equality globally through the new National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security; USAID's Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy; and the US Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence Globally. At the same time, respect of and support for human rights globally is on the decline. The discussion will provide an opportunity for an open debate on how human rights might optimally inform US-based efforts to support gender equality worldwide.

Light refreshments will be served

Speakers:
Alison Brysk, Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center
Jayne Huckerby, Director, International Human Rights Clinic, Duke University
David Yang, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID
Moderator:
Chloe Schwenke, Vice President for Global Programs, Freedom House

Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: A Conversation with Author Karima Bennoune

When: April 11th | 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Who: Women’s Learning Partnership (WLP) and The Global Women’s Institute at George Washington University
Where: 1957 E St. NW
Room B12, Washington, DC 20052
Or watch the event online via Livestream.

Women’s Learning Partnership (WLP) and The Global Women’s Institute at George Washington University present activist and legal scholar Karima Bennoune, author of Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism, as she discusses this powerful new book detailing the impact of extremist religious ideology on the lives and agency of women and girls, and the growing power and influence of fundamentalists in the Muslim world in the past decade.

Karima Bennoune will be joined by a panel of

Org Spotlight: The Native Women's Association of Canada

The Native Women's Association of Canada works to increase the well-being of First Nations and Métis women in First Nation, Métis and Canadian society. NWAC, an aggregate of thirteen Native women's organizations in the country, is one of Canada's five officially recognized National Aboriginal Organizations (NAO's). In Canada, Native women still face discrimination and violence in many forms and from many sources. NWAC seeks to eliminate this injustice. In the vision that all women deserve a forum for their voices to be heard and recognized, NWAC works to empower Native women politically, culturally, socially and economically.

NWAC engages in activism, analysis and advocacy to advance Native women's rights in Canada with a particular emphasis on the violence faced by indigenous women. Towards this goal,
leading women’s rights activists and academics, drawing upon years of experience countering religious extremism and working with women and men on the ground in their efforts to advance freedom, gender equality, and human rights against the rising tide of fundamentalism around the globe.

Panelists include Mahnaz Afkhami, former Minister of Women’s Affairs in Iran and founder and president of Women’s Learning Partnership; Frances Kissling, scholar, activist, and former president of Catholics for Choice; and Bonnie Morris, professor of women’s studies, historian, and author of Lubavitcher Women in America in a thought-provoking discussion moderated by Mary Ellsberg, Director of The Global Women’s Institute at GWU.

**Gender and the Economy**
*When*: April 14 | 6pm-8pm  
*Who*: World Bank Group  
*Where*: IFC Auditorium  
2121 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC  
RSVP required, to RSVP email EGibbens@ifc.org.

Join The World Bank Group for an engaging discussion on the role of women in the global economy and the presentation of the 2014 IFC CEO Gender Awards by Jin Yong-Cai, IFC EVP & CEO. For more information or to RSVP, email Elizabeth Gibbens at EGibbens@ifc.org.

**2013 - 2014 Elliott School Undergraduate Scholars Final Presentations**
*When*: April 16, 2014 | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
*Who*: Elliott School Undergraduate Scholars Program  
*Where*: Lindner Family Commons, Room 602  
1957 E Street NW  
Please contact Annie Vinik (avinik@gwu.edu) with questions.

The Undergraduate Scholars will participate in the following panel discussions:
1:00 to 1:45 pm  
**Shifting Cultural Spaces: Implications for Policy and Perspective**  
Alexandra Blackwell (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Ilana Feldman)  
Meghan Pierce (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Robert Maguire)
Marielle Velander (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Alexander Dent)
Moderated by Alyssa Abraham, Graduate Student Mentor

1:50 to 2:35 pm
**Rough Seas: International Maritime Tensions and Naval Developments**
Brendan Buckland (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Marie Price)
Roderick Lee (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Robert Sutter)
Ellen Park (Faculty Advisor: Dean Mike Mochizuki)
Moderated by Alejandro Garcia, Graduate Student Mentor

2:40 to 3:25 pm
**Sustainable Development and Capacity Building: Lessons from Transitioning Societies**
Rauvin Johl (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Robert Shepherd)
Madeleine Livingston (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Michelle Allendoerfer)
Jesse Schaffer (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Lisa Benton-Short)
Moderated by Allison DeMaio, Graduate Student Mentor

3:30 to 4:15 pm
**Scribbled in the Margins: Overlooked Issues in Access to Education, Institutions, and Information**
Amanda Dudley (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Alexander Dent)
Keila Franks (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Christina Fink)
Margaret Kavaras (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Michelle Kelso)
Moderated by Julia Collins, Graduate Student Mentor

4:20 to 5:00 pm
**Socio-Political Implications of Group Identities and Interactions**
Olivia Bee (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Melani McAlister)
Guillaume Julian (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Kathryn Kleppinger)
Kareem Rosshandler (Faculty Advisor: Prof. Jenab Tutunji)
Moderated by Prof. Jenab Tutunji, Faculty Advisor

**Save the Date: The Second Annual Sheikha Fatima Lectureship**
*When:* May 8
*Who:* United States Institute of Peace
*Where:* U.S. Institute of Peace
In recognition of women as peacebuilders, the United States Institute of Peace has established the Sheikha Fatima Lectureship series around Women at the Table, with the first annual lecture focusing on women as “Messengers” of Peacebuilding. Building lasting peace and security requires women’s participation. In order to create a sustainable peace, women have to be represented at the table. It was through the generosity of Her Highness Sheikha Fatima bint Mubarak Al Ketbi, the wife of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founder and first president of the United Arab Emirates, that the Institute of Peace has named the north atrium of the headquarters building the “International Women’s Commons” to advance the progress of women as peacemakers.

**3rd Annual International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference: Gender and Crises in Global Politics**
When: May 9-11  
Who: International Feminist Journal of Politics  
Where: University of Southern California Davidson Conference Center

Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Jack Halberstam, the University of Southern California; J. Ann Tickner, American University; Jacqui True, Monash University

Other Confirmed Speakers: Carol Cohn, University of Massachusetts, Boston; Sandra Harding, the University of California, Los Angeles; Cynthia Weber, the University of Sussex

**Opportunities**

**Jobs**

**Coordination and Planning Specialist**
When: April 24  
Who: UN Women  
Where: Panama City, Panama

**Associate Director**
When: Open until filled  
Who: Consortium on Gender, Security, and Human Rights
Internships

**Development 2014 Summer Intern**
*Where:* Center for Reproductive Rights
*Where:* New York, NY
*Deadline:* Open until filled

**Gender and Elections Intern**
*Who:* International Foundation for Electoral Systems
*Where:* Washington, DC
*Deadline:* April 15

Other Opportunities

**Call for Applications: 2014/2015 Elizabeth Neuffer Fellowship**
*Who:* The International Women’s Media Foundation
*Where:* Cambridge, Massachusetts
*Deadline:* April 11

**Call for Papers: $10,000 Research Award on topic related to Women and Conflict Outcomes**
*Who:* US Naval War College
*Where:* Worldwide
*Deadline:* April 15

**Call for Papers: Intimate Partner Violence and Mental Health**
*Who:* Global Health Action and European Journal of Psychotraumatology
*Where:* Worldwide
*Deadline:* April 30

**Call for papers: Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia**
*Who:* International Conference on Gender, Empowerment and Conflict in South Asia
*Where:* Kolkata, India
*Deadline:* Abstracts due May 1; Conference November 7-8

**Call for Submissions: Gender Based Violence Science Fair**
*Who:* Global Women’s Institute and the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)
*Where:* Worldwide
*Deadline:* June 1

For more national and international job and
internship opportunities, visit the Association for Women's Rights in Development's job resource page or the United Nations Jobs on Gender Twitter.

Resources

Gender & Development Volume 22, Issue 1, March 2014 - Education
The March 2014 issue of Gender & Development focuses on education. "This issue of G&D focuses in the main on girls' formal education, charting progress on increasing access to education, and exploring the challenges that remain. Writers explore visions of empowering education, and share analytical case studies of work aiming both to increase access to education, and improve its quality, relevance and usefulness to girls and women."

Blog Notes

For Nozuzile Mankayi, the struggle continues
In South Africa, litigation between gold miners and mining companies does not recognize women's unpaid work.

Not Up for Grabs: Protecting women’s land and property rights in Uganda
Grassroots paralegals are working to ensure women's rights to own and inherit land.